DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE OVER AGAIN!"

An Able Discourse from the Text "All That a Man Bath Will He Give for His but Gaze Forward Into the Future.

BROOKLYN, March 9.-The Rev. T. De Witt Music, Brooklyn, this morning, to an over-Your Life Over Again?" His text was Job five thousand people who once lived in the fi, 4: "All that a man hath will be give for

left Job victor proved the faisity of the Satanic remark: "All that a man bath will be more depressing than was our Pompeian visit in November. stood on the bridge of the steamer till his Beside that, would you want to risk the passengers got off and he drowned; many an temptations of life over again? From the engineer who has kept his hand on the throt-fact that you are here I conclude that though the valve or his foot on the brake until the in many respects your life may have been most of the train was saved, while he went unfortunate and unconsecrated, you have got house to get a sleeping child out, sacrificing been far from being as consecrated as I would his life in the attempt, and thousands of mar-like to have had it, I would not want to try of massacre and headsman's ax and guillo- Why, just look at the temptations we have tine rather than surrender principle, have all passed through, and just look at the multiproved that in many a case my text was not tudes who have gone completely under. Just

bend out of your shoulders, and extirpate the Surely on such a treacherous sea as that one stiffness from the joint and the rheumatic voyage is enough. twinge from the foot, and you shall be twenty-one years of age and just what you were proposition were made I think many flfousands would accept it. That feeling caused of the octogensuian into the curly locks of a boy, and however old a person who group of the Bahamas, but lay far out in the | postpon ocean. The great Spanish explorer, Juan Ponce de Leon, fellow voyager with Columbus, I have no doubt felt that if he could discover that Fountain of Youth he would do as much as his friend had done in discoving America. So he put out in 1512 from Porto Rico and crubed about among the Bahamas in search of that fountain. I am glad he did not find it. There is no such fountain. But if there were and its waters were bottled up and sent abroad at a thousand dollars a bottle, the demand would be greater than the supply, and many a man who has come through a life of uselessness, and perhaps sin, to old age, would be shaking up the potent liquid, and if he were directed to take only a teaspoonful after each meal would be so anxious to make sure work he would take a tenspoonful, and if directed to take a tenspoonful would take a glassful. But some of you would have to go back further than to twenty-one years of age to make a fair start, for there are many who manage to get all wrong before that period. Yea, in order to get a fair start some would have to go back to the father and mother and get them corrected; yea, to the grandfather and grandmother and have their life corrected, for some of you are suffering from bad hereditary influences which started a hundred years ago. Well, if your grandfather lived his life over again and your father lived his life over again and you lived your life over again, what a cluttered up place this world would be, a place filled with miserable attempts at repairs. I begin to pass off and give another generation a

life over again it would be a stale and stupid The zest and spur and thusiasm of life come from the fact that we have never been along this road before and everything is new, and we are alert for what may appear at the next turn of the road. Suppose you, a man in mid-life or old age, were, with your present feelings and large attainments, put back into the thirties or the twenties or into the teens, what a unisance you would be to others and what an annappiness to yourself. Your contemporaries would not want you and you would not want them, Things mat in your province journey of life stirred your healthful ambat one or gave you pleasurable surprise, or led interrogation, would only call forth from you You would be a disgusted "Oh, pshaw" blase at thirty and a misan and unendurable at fifty. The most mane and stupld thing imaginable would be a second journey of life. It is amusing to hear people say: "I would like to live my life over again if I could take my present experience and knowledge of things tack with me and begin under those improved auspices." Why, what an uninteresting boy you would be with your present attainments in a child's mind. No one would want such a boy around the" were forty or fifty, as old age comes on, say bouse; a philosopher at twenty, a scientist at ing: "Well, my work is about done and it is fifteen, an archaeologist at ten and a domestic nuisance all the time. An oak crowded into an acorn. A Rocky mountain eagle thrust back into the egg sholl from which it

Beside that, if you took life over again, you would have to take its deep sadness over again. Would you want to try again the griefs and the heartbreaks and the bereavements through which you have good. What a mercy that we shall never be called to suffer them again! We may have others bad enough, but those old ones never again. Would you want to go through the process of losing your father again or your mother again or your companion in life again or propriate for his fingering. My brother, you

your child again? If you were permitted to at the sixtleth milestone or the fiftieth stone or the fortieth milestone and retrace your steps to the twentieth, your experience would be something like mine, one day last November, in Italy. I walked through a great city with a friend and two guides, and ere were in all the city only four persons, and they were those of our own group, We went up and down the streets, we entered the houses, the museums, the temples, the the-Life," Job ii, 4-Don't Look to the Past, atres. We examined the wonderful pictures on the walls and the most exquisite moalc on the floor. In the streets were the the deep worn ruts of wagons, but not a wagon Talmage, D. D., preached in the Academy of in the city. On the front steps of mansions the word "Welcome" in Latin, but no human beflowing congregation. After expounding ap-ing to great us. The only bodies of any of propriate passages of Scripture he announced the citizens that we saw were petrified and the citizens that we saw were petrifled and his subject to be: "Would You Like to Live in the museum at the gates. Of the thirtyhomes and worshiped in those temples and clapped in those theatres, not one left! For That is untrue. The Lord did not say it, but eighteen hundred years that city of Pompeii Satau said it to the Lord, when the evil one had been buried before modern exploration. wanted Job still more afflicted. The record scooped out of it the lava of Vesuvius. Well, is: "So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with sore boils." be who should be permitted to return on the pathway of his earthly life and live it over pathway of his earthly life and live it over And Satan has been the author of all erup- again, would find as lonely and sad a piltive diseases since then, and he hopes by poi-grimage. It would be an exploration of the soning the blood to poison the soul. But the dead past. The old school house, the old result of the diabolical experiment which church, the old home, the old play ground

down to death through the open drawbridge; on so far tolerably well, if nothing more than many a fireman who plunged into a blazing tolerable. As for myself, though my life has tyrs who submitted to flery stake and knife it over again, lest next time I would do worse, true, when it says: "All that a man hath call over the roll of your schoolmates and college mates, the clerks who were with you But Satan's falsehood was built on a truth. in the same store or bank, or the operatives Life is very precious, and, if we would not in the same factory with just as good prosgive up all, there are many things we would pects as you, who have come to complete surrender rather than surrender it. We see mishap. Some young man that told you that how precious life is from the fact that we do he was going to be a millionaire, and own everything to prolong it. Hence all sanitary the fastest trotters on Westchester turnpike, regulations, all study of hygiene, all fear of and retire by the time he was thirty-five draughts, all waterproofs, all doctors, all years of age, you do not hear from medicines, all struggles in crisis of accident. for many years, and know nothing An admiral of the British navy was court about him until some day he comes martialed for turning his ship around in into your store and asks for five cents to time of danger and so do maging the ship. It get a mug of beer. You, the good mother of was proved against him. But when his time a household and all your children rising up came to be heard he said: "Gentlemen, I did to call you blessed, can remember when you turn the ship around and admit it was dam-were quite jealous of the belle of the village, aged; but do you want to know why I turned who was so transcendently fair and popular.

it! There was a man overboard, and I wanted But while you have these two honorable and to save him, and I did save him, and I con- queenly names of wife and mother, she besider the life of one sailor worth all the ves-came a poor waif of the street, and went into sels of the British navy." No wonder he was the blackness of darkness forever. Live life windicated. Life is indeed very precious, over again? Why, if many of those who are Yea, there are those who deem life so pre-now respectable were permitted to expericlous they would like to repeat it, they would ment, the next journey would be demolilike to try it again. They would like to go tion. You got through, as Job says, by the back from seventy to sixty, from sixty to skin of the teeth. Next time you might not fifty, from fifty to forty, from forty to get through at all. Satan would say: "I thirty, from thirty to twenty. I purpose for know him now better than I did before and very practical and useful purposes, as will have for fifty years been studying his weakappear before I get through, to discuss the nesses and I will weave a stronger web of question we have all asked of others, and circumstances to catch him next time." And others have again and again asked of us: Satan would concenter his forces on this one Would you like to live your life over again? man, and the last state of that man would be The fact is that no intelligent and right worse than the first. My friends, our faces fearing man is satisfied with his past life, are in the right direction. Better go forward We have all made so many mistakes, stumbled than backward, even if we had the choice. into so many blunders, and so many things. The greatest disaster I can think of would be that ought not to have been said, and done so for you to return to boyhood in 1890. Oh, if many things that ought not to have been life were a smooth Luzerne or Cayuga lake, I done, that we can suggest at least ninety-five would like to get into a yacht and sail over per cent of improvement. Now would it not it, not once, but twice—yea, a thousand be grand if the good Lord would say to you: times. But life is an uncertain sea, and some of "You can go back and try it over again. I the ships crash on the icebergs of cold indifwill by a word turn your hair to brown or ference, and some take fire of evil passions, black or golden, and smooth all the wrinkles and some lose their bearings and run into the out of your temple and cheek, and take the skerries, and some are never heard of.

have your wish and live life over again it when you reached that point before." If the would put you so much further from reunion with your friends in heaven! If you are in the noon of life or the evening of life you are love." I do not know what you call that. I the ancient search for what was called not very far from the golden gate at which Fountain of Youth, the waters you are to meet your transported and emof which taken would turn the hair paradised loved ones. You are now, let us sny, twenty years or ten years or one year off from celestial conjunction. Now, suppose drank at that fountain he would be young you went back in your earthly life thirty years again. The island was said to belong to the or forty years or fifty years, what an awful ment of the time of reunion! It would be as though you were going to San Francisco to a great banquet and you got to Oakland, four or five miles this side of it, and then came back to Hoboken or Harlem to get a better start; as though you were going to England to be crowned and having come in sight of the mountains of Wales you put back to Sandy Hook in order to make a better voyage. The further on you get in life, if a Christian, the nearer you are to the renewal of broken up companionship. No; the wheel of time turns in the right direction, and it is well it turns so fast. Three hundred and sixty-five revolutions in a year and forward, rather than three hundred and sixty-five revolutions in a year and backward. But hear ye! hear ye! while I tell you how you may practically live your life over again and be all the better for it. You may put into the remaining years of your life all you have learned of wisdom in your past life. You may make the coming ten years worth the preceding forty or fifty years. When a man says he would like to live his life over again because he would de so much better, and yet goes right on living as he has always lived, do you not see he stultifles himself! He proves that if he could go back he would do almost the same as he has done. If a man eat green apples some Wednesday in cholera time and is thrown into fearful cramps and says on Thursday: "I wish I had been more prudent in my diet; oh, if I could live Wednesday over again," and then on Friday eats apples just as green, he proves that it would have been no advantage for him to live Wednesday over again. And if we, dehave only one chance and then for them to ploring our past life and with the idea of improvement long for an opportunity to hance. try it over again, yet go on making Beside that, if we were permitted to live the same mistakes and committing the same sins, we only demonstrate that the repetition of our existence would afford no improvement. It was green apples before, and it would be green apples over again. As soon as a ship captain strikes a rock in the lake or sea he reports it, and a buoy is awang over that reef and marines benceforth stand off from that rock. And all our mistakes in the past ought to be buoys warning us to keep in the right channel. There is no excuse for us if we split on the same rock where we split before. Going along the sidewalk at night where excavations are being made, we frequently see a lantern on a framework and

> where it is safe to walk and where it is un-Beside that, we have all these years been learning how to be useful, and in the next decade we ought to accomplish more for God and the church and the world than in any previous four decades. The best way to atone for past indolence or past transgression is by future assiduity. Yet you often find Christian men who were not converted until they time for me to rest." They gave forty years of their life to Satan and the world, a little fragment of their life to God, and now they want to rest. Whether that belongs to come spoiling the complexion? I never did till dy or tragedy I say not. The man who g. t went to England and sat at the best country and of the remaining two quarters one to ference between the complexion of one who Christian work and the other to rest, would is sent to school and fed on the pastry and not, I suppose, get a very brilliant recephiscuits and belied rice and choses, which are tion in heaven. If there are any the staples of bearing school fare from Fifth dried leaves in heaven they would be avenue to the Hudson river seminaries, and appropriate for his gariand; or if an English nursery table, where every morsel there is any throne with broken steps it is choice, the rolls and mutton and fruit of would be appropriate for his coronation; or the best, and the butter sweet, creamy and any harp with relaxed string it would be ap | delicate. New York Letter.

we turn aside, for that lantern says, keep out

of this hole. And all along the pathway of

life lanterns are set as warnings, and by the

time we come to mid-life we ought to know

give nine-tenths of your life to sin and Satan and then get converted and then rest awhile in sanctified lariness and then go up to get your beavenly reward, and I warrant it will not take the cashier of the royal banking house a great while to count out to you all your dues. He will not ask you whether you will have it in bills of large denomination or small. I would like to put one sentence of my sermon in italics, and have it underscored, and three exclamation points at the and of the sentence, and that sentence is this: As we cannot live our lives over again, the nearest we can come to atone for the past is by redoubled holiness and industry in the

"Tis worth a wise man's past of life,
"Tis worth a thousand years of strife,
If thou canst lessen but by one

The countless ills beneath the sun. If this rail train of life has been detained and switched off and is far behind the time table, the engineer for the rest of the way must put on more pressure of steam and go a mile a minute in order to arrive at the right time and place under the approval of conductor and directors.

As I supposed it would be, there are multitudes of young people listening to this sermon on whom this subject has acted with the force of a galvanic battery. Without my saying a word to them, they have solilo quized, saving: "As one cannot live his life over again, and I can make only one trip, I must look out and make no mistakes. I have but one chance and I must make the most of My young friends, I am glad you made says: "Now a few words by way of applica- News, tion," people begin to look around for their hats and get their arm through one sleeve of their overcoats, and the sermonic application is a failure. I am glad you have made your own application and that you are resolved, like a Quaker of whom I read years ago, who in substance said: "I shall be along this path of life but once, and so I must do all the kindness I can and all the good I can." My hearers, the mistakes of youth can never be corportunity passed the thousandth part of a second has by one leap reached the other side of a great eternity. In the autumn, when the birds migrate, you look up and see the sky black with wings and the flocks stretching out into many leagues of air, and so today I look up and see two large wings in full sweep. They are the wings of the flying year. That is followed by a flock of three hundred and sixty-five and they are the flying days. Each of the flying days is followed by twenty-four and they are the flying hours, and each of these is followed by sixty and these are the flying minutes. Where did this great flock start from? Eternity past. Where are they bound? Eternity come. You might as well go a-gunning for the qualls that whistled last year in the meadows or the robins that last year carolled in the sky, as to try to fetch down and bay one of the past opportunities of your life Do not say: "I will lounge now and make it up afterwards." Young men and boys, you cannot make it up. My observation is that those who in youth sowed wild oats, to the end of their short life sowed wild oats; and that those who start sowing Genesee wheat, always sow Genesee wheat. And then the reaping of the harvests is so differ-There is grandfather now. He has lived to old age because his habits have been good. His eyesight for this world has got somewhat dim, but his eyesight for heaven is radiant. His hearing is not so acute as it once was and he must bend clear over to hear what his little grandchild says when she asks him what he has brought for her. But he easily catches the music raised from supernal spheres. Men passing in the streets take off their hats in reverence and women say: "What a good old man he is." Seventy or eighty years all for God and for making this world happy. Spiendid! Glorious! Magnificent! He will have hard work

at the feet of him whom having not seen I love." I do not know what you call that. I call it the harvest of Genesce wheat.

Out yonder is a man very old at forty years of age, at a time when he ought to be buoyant as the morning. He got bad habits on him very early and those habits have become worse. He is a man on fire, on fire with allowed the heaviest and finestfabres with out pins. Glothes do not free ze to it and cannot blow off. worse. He is a man on fire, on fire with al- and cannot blow coholism, on fire with all evil habits, out with the world and the world out with him. Down and falling deeper. His swollen hands in his threadbare pockets and his eyes fixed on the ground, he passes through the street, and the quick step of an innocent child or the strong step of a young man or the roll of a prosper ous carriage maddens him, and he curses society and he curses God. Fallen sick with no resources he is carried to the almshouse. A loathsome spectacle, he lies all day long waiting for dissolution, or in the night rises on his cot and fights apparitions of what he might have been and of what he will be. He started life with as good a prospect as any man on the American continent, but there he is a bloated carcass, waiting for the shovels of public charity to put him five feet under. He has only reaped what Harvest of wild sowed. "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof is death." Young man, as you cannot live life over again, however you may long to do so, be sure to have your one life right. There is in this august assembly I wot not, for we are made up of all sections of this land and from many lands, some young man who has gone away from home and perhaps under son tle spite or evil persuasion of another, and his parents know not where he is. My son, go iome! Do not go to sea! Don't go to-night where you may be tempted to go. Go home! Your father will be glad to see you, and your mother, I need not tell you how she feels, How I would like to make your parents a present of their wayward boy, repentant and in his right mind. I would like to write them a letter and you to carry the letter saying: "By the blessing of God on my sermor I introduce to you one whom you have never seen before, for he has become a new creature in Christ Jesus." My boy, go home and put your tired head on the bosom that you so tenderly in your childhood years. A young Scotchman was in battle taken captive by a band of Indians and he learned their language and adopted their habits. Years passed on, but the old Indian chieftain never forgot that he had in his possession a young man who did not belong to him. Well, one day this tribe of Indians came in sight of the Scotch regiments from whom this young man had been captured, and the old Indian chieftain said: lost my son in battle, and I know how a a father feels at the loss of a son. Do you think your father is yet alive?" The young man said: "I am the only son of my father, and I hope he is still alive." Then said the Indian chieftain: "Because of the loss of my son this world is a desert. You go free. Return to your countrymen. Revisit your father that he may rejoice when he sees the sun rise in the morning and the trees blossom in the spring." So I say to you, young man, captive of waywardness and sin! father is waiting for you. Your mother is waiting for you. Your sisters are waiting

a little till I pass through and cast my crown

Complexion Spoilers. Did you ever realize what four four-fifths of Americans put into their months in shape of butter, and how much it has to do with spoiling the complexion? I never did till I one-half of his earthly existence to the world house tables. I tell you there must be a dif-

for you. God is waiting for you. Go home

There is considerable stir among a number of good ladies, who are now looking about for a washerwoman. It came about in this

old, living in the rear of George W. Stout's residence, on North Meridian street, has been earning her livelihood by washing. She is a hard working woman, a member of the First Baptist church She says that about ten years ago, upon the

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A Washerwoman's Fortune.

way: Mrs. Kelly, a woman about 55 years

It was a temptation for her to take \$15,000. but she resisted, continued at work, and the other day she received notice that the last payment had been made, and the property, which is in the heart of the city, was free o debt and all her own, being valued at nearly \$40,000. Later came news of the death of a brother in California, who left her a fortune of \$60,000. It is said she arranged with a St. Louis man, for a fee of \$1,000, to go to California and make full settlement; that he returned with \$40,000 in approved securities, chiefly United States bonds, but that \$20,000 more is coming to her, which will require her personal presence to make proper settlement. this application of the sermon yourself. When The ladies lose a good washerwoman, but a minister toward the close of his sermon Mrs. Kelly gains \$100,000. — Indianapolis

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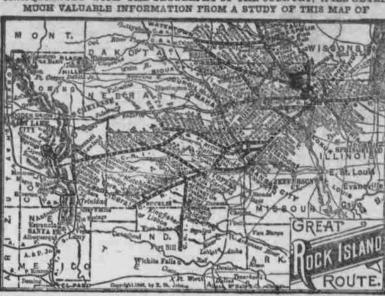
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